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SUBJECT: POLISH FISHING OFF COLOMBIA

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE HAS NOTED IN THE CHILEAN FISHERIES MAGAZINE "CHILE PESQUERO" (MARCH 1978) A REFERENCE TO A POLISH FISHING FLEET OPERATING IN THE PACIFIC OUT OF BUENA VENTURA. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, CATCHES (ESPECIALLY SARDINES) HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD.

2. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE OPERATIONS OF THIS POLISH FLEET. OF SPECIAL
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INTEREST WOULD BE:

A) NUMBER AND CLASS OF THE POLISH VESSELS FISHING OFF COLOMBIA,

B) LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY),

C) POSSIBILITY OF JOINT FISHING VENTURES BETWEEN
STATE-OWNED POLISH ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATE COLOMBIAN
FISHING COMPANIES,

D) DISPOSITION OF THE CATCH (IS A CERTAIN PROPORTION
OF THE CATCH LANDED IN COLOMBIA?)

E) QUANTITY OF THE CATCH (BY SPECIES),

F) WILL COLOMBIA'S NEW 200-MILE ZONE EFFECT THE
OPERATION OF THE POLISH VESSELS?

3. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION: NMFS HAS LIMITED
INFORMATION ON POLISH-COLOMBIAN FISHERY RELATIONS.
THE ONLY FISHERY CONTACTS NMFS IS AWARE OF BEGAN
IN 1974 WHEN COLOMBIA'S INSTITUTE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES (INDERENA) AND THE
POLISH FISHERIES BOARD AGREED ON A JOINT PROGRAM OF
EXPLORATORY FISHING. EXPERTS FROM INDERENA AND
OCEANOGRAPHERS FROM THE COLOMBIAN NAVY WERE TO WORK
ABOARD TWO POLISH RESEARCH VESSELS DURING THE
DURATION OF THE 40-DAY RESEARCH PROGRAM. NO
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE RESULTS OF THE
JOINT PROGRAM. THE ONLY OTHER KNOWN POLISH-COLOMBIAN
FISHERY CONTACT HAS BEEN THE 1976 TRADE AND CREDIT
AGREEMENT, WHERE BY POLAND UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE
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COLOMBIA WITH AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF FISHING
VESSELS DURING 1977-1978, IN RETURN FOR COLOMBIAN
COFFEE AND OTHER AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES. CHRISTOPHER

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